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| Application Number | / |
| Filing Date | 8/15/2003 |
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Axially Compressible Artificial Interverterbal Disc Having a Captured Ball and
Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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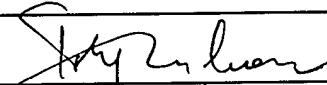
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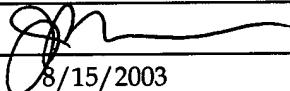
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Date 8/15/2003

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Applicant/Patent Owner: Joseph P. Errico; Michael W. Dudasik; Rafail Zubok

Application No./Patent No.: _____ Filed/Issue Date: 8/15/2003

Entitled: Axially Compressible Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Captured Ball and Socket Joint With a Solid Ball and Compression Locking Post

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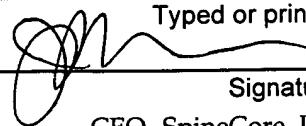
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